



BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005

Mercer , Missouri [29129]

Mercer is one of 115 counties in Missouri. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2005 population of 3,522 ranked 114th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Mercer had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,366. This PCPI ranked 51st in the state and was 78 percent of the state average, \$31,426, and 70 percent of the national average, \$34,757. The 2005 PCPI reflected a decrease of 6.1 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 3.8 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Mercer was \$17,215 and ranked 40th in the state. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.8 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Mercer had a total personal income (TPI) of \$85,818*. This TPI ranked 113th in the state and accounted for 0.0 percent of the state total. In 1995 the TPI of Mercer was \$68,483* and ranked 111th in the state. The 2005 TPI reflected a decrease of 7.4 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 4.6 percent and the national change was 5.9 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 2.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.6 percent and for the nation was 5.3 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Mercer. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 63.4 percent of TPI (compared with 62.9 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.7 percent (compared with 16.4 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 23.9 percent (compared with 20.7 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings decreased 11.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 10.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.0 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 2.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 3.8 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Mercer decreased from \$68,824* in 2004 to \$62,588* in 2005, a decrease of 9.1 percent. The 2004-2005 state change was 4.4 percent and the national change was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of \$45,894* to the 2005 estimate was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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